

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair Tara B. White Michele Shalaby Board of Selectmen

## Minutes of November 25th, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:01 pm.

Board Members Present: Nathaniel Yohalem, Chairman

Tara B. White Michele Shalaby

**Others Present:** 

Jessica Bosworth, Administrative Secretary

A motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

It was noted that Selectman Shalaby has yet to discuss solar energy options for the Town with Elizabeth Olenbush.

#### **Land Trust Sale**

Updated information was not available on the Land Trust Sale. Further discussion on the matter was deferred until next week's meeting.

It was noted that no update was available on the purchasing of a safe for Town records.

#### **Land Auction**

Selectman White had no updated information on the Land Auction. Further discussion on the matter was deferred until next week's meeting.

### **Announcements and Updates**

Chairman Yohalem gave a summary of the telephone meeting with the State [Erica Kreuter] regarding the Foley Bridge project. The Town's Engineer [Tom Loughlin], also a part of the call, had prepared and submitted to the State a timeline that outlined the details of the project, with work projected to begin in the spring.

It was agreed upon by all parties that the next scheduled telephone meeting will take place on December 20<sup>th</sup>, instead of the 26<sup>th</sup>, due to the holiday.

The Chairman reported that the Town is currently up-to-date on payments from the State through the month of September.

After a short discussion, the Board asked that MIIA be contacted in regards to the insurance coverage between the Town and John Lander, Clerk of the Works.

The Chairman also reported on the Special Town Meeting that took place last Monday night. It was recorded that over 250 residents attended, making it the largest turnout at an Annual or Special Town Meeting in the Town's history. Due to the large volume of people, it was decided after speaking with Town Clerk, Katherine Chretien, that all future Special or Annual Town Meetings will have two registration tables and two ballot boxes available for more efficient service to voters. With the exception of Article 1, which was tabled, and the Planning Board's Article 7, which was voted against 176 to 76, all other articles on the Warrant were approved.

### Police Department Software

The Board reviewed the software contract [from TriTech] for the Police Department. The total cost of the software including the maintenance fee [\$1,350.00] for the first year is \$15,850.00, which was approved at the last Annual Town Meeting. The maintenance fee for future years has not yet been determined by the company.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to approve the contract with TriTech in the amount of \$15,850.00.

Chairman Yohalem announced the work session that was requested by the Rescue Squad in order to discuss paying the Town's Emergency volunteers when on-call to be held at 5:00 pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. An outline of figures and costs will be given to the Board for review before the meeting.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Administrative Secretary